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TO: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: WORKFORCE INNOVATIONS 2006

The purpose of this information bulletin is to transmit a letter from Dennis Petrie, Deputy Director, Employment Development Department (EDD) Workforce Services Branch regarding the **Workforce Innovations 2006** conference taking place in Anaheim on July 11-13, 2006.

This year's conference, hosted by the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency, EDD and the California Workforce Investment Board, will have a number of sessions specifically targeting California's workforce goals and priorities. Please see the attached letter for more details.

/S/ BOB HERMSMEIER
Chief
Workforce Investment Division

Attachment

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Dear Colleagues:

I encourage you to take advantage of a terrific opportunity occurring for the first time in our State. Please consider attending **Workforce Innovations 2006** (www.WorkforceInnovations.org) sponsored by the U.S. Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration and the American Society for Training & Development, July 11 -13, 2006, in Anaheim. The California Labor and Workforce Development Agency and its Employment Development Department and the California Workforce Investment Board are proud to be the Conference hosts.

This is a fast-paced conference with lively plenary sessions, town halls, super workshops and learning labs where you will be challenged by dynamic authors, educators, business executives, and national workforce leaders. With its focus on "*Regional Strategies...Global Results: Talent Driving Prosperity*", **Workforce Innovations 2006** promises to expand our collective knowledge about how to develop our community, regional and State response to the challenges of global economic competition.

You won't find a more timely opportunity to network with your colleagues from the education, economic development, business and workforce communities. Plus, you'll discover proven strategies, successful models, and inspiring stories of innovation in preparing each and every American for the jobs of today and tomorrow.

As the Conference hosts, we have been working closely with the U.S. Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration to insure that a significant number of the sessions contribute to California's workforce goals and priorities. Examples of the capacity building sessions being planned include:

- ▶ Systems Change Through Community Collaboration: Integrating Partnerships to Serve Customers with Complex Needs
- ▶ Dynamic Apprenticeship Partnerships in the Military and Homeland Security
- ▶ Casey Family Programs: Tools and Resources to Improve Services for Youth In and Transitioning Out of Foster Care
- ▶ Self-employment: An Effective Tool for Overcoming Barriers to Employment

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- ▶ TANF One-Stop Integration
- ▶ Effective Implementation of Common Measures
- ▶ Collecting Information on Rapid Response Activities
- ▶ Cost Study of California's One-Stops
- ▶ Unlocking the Career Potential of Veterans
- ▶ Alternative Schools as a Resource for Foster Care Youth

Just look for the “California Bear” marking each of these sessions (and more) in the Conference Program!

I urge you to join me at **Workforce Innovations 2006** at the Anaheim Convention Center, Anaheim, CA. Register now at www.WorkforceInnovations.org. See you there!

Sincerely,

/S/ DENNIS PETRIE
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